

Honolulu Star-Bulletin

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WHAT IS HAWAII'S ATTITUDE?

Honolulu, May 26, 1915.

Editor Honolulu Star-Bulletin:
Sir:—The editorial in your issue of the 24th inst., headed "Approval for the American Note," followed by an excerpt from the Kohala Midget, are suggestive of the fact that nothing has gone from this Territory to our president in approbation or reprobatation of the stand he has taken on the Lusitania affair. It is understood that the president has been memorialized by many, yet the people of this absolutely sea-faring territory remain silent. Why? Is it not eminently a matter to be taken up at least by our chambers of commerce from Hawaii to Kauai?

Yours truly,

CARPE DIEM.

The writer of the letter above is a business man of the territory. He voices the thoughts of many other people in Hawaii.

Support of the president and of the government in a time of grave national crisis is always in order.

WITH GERMANY RESTS THE DECISION.

Germany would be friendly with the United States, says an advance report on the note Berlin will send to Washington in answer to President Wilson's emphatic declaration.

The way is open for friendliness. President Wilson left it open. He indicated exactly how Germany could retain the friendship of the United States—how she could regain that measure of friendship sacrificed when the Lusitania was torpedoed.

Germany must abandon her submarine warfare on commercial vessels, for that inevitably leads to violation of American rights. The submarine cannot wage war on merchant ships successfully if it observes the "right of search." That right of search must be observed if neutral lives are to be safeguarded.

Germany must also see that her aviators do not drop bombs on American vessels. The Cushing incident must not be repeated.

It is not the United States but Germany that has imperilled the friendship existing over generations. The United States has maintained a neutrality so strict that Great Britain as well as Germany has been bitter with criticism. The greater part of the American people have successfully striven to uphold in their own attitude the attitude of the government. A few newspapers and a comparatively few people have been professedly pro-Allies or pro-Germany. The most violent partisans among the American people have been pro-German. The Americans most outspoken in criticism of their own government have been German-Americans. But by far the larger part of the American people have refrained publicly from taking sides, whatever their personal sympathies might be.

Germany cannot hold American friendship and continue a method of warfare that includes the sinking of merchant ships without warning to passengers, without giving them a chance for their lives, when by inalienable right Americans may travel upon the high seas as their business calls them.

The United States is determined not to be dragged into this war. The Lusitania sinking is not sufficient justification for entry into the war, though American rights have been flagrantly violated. Therefore the United States is willing to accept from Germany assurances that in the future American rights will be observed, and with these assurances, to continue in international amity.

With Germany rests the decision whether the future is to be a friendly future.

FROM CLEWS.

Henry Clews, the New York banker whose trade letters are closely followed in Hawaii, often criticizes the administration. Here, however, is his comment on the latest act of the administration:

"On Friday the market was of course much unsettled by the prospect of difficulties with Germany, concerning which the president's action in the matter appeared in the morning papers. The following are my views thereon; the people of this country must stand by our president. President Wilson's note to the German government is worthy of commendation from every citizen of the United States. Its tone is courteous, but at the same time firm and dignified. Its language admits of no misconstruction. He appeals to the high ideals of the German race and compliments them on their previous record on the side of justice and humanity. He frankly states his demand for full reparation for the several acts where our rights have been invaded, and the fact that he indulges in no bombastic utterances adds strength and dignity to his words. He has written neither too much nor too little, and his note will fill a large page in history. Let us hope

and pray that the German government will recognize the justice of his pronouncement and thereby cement the friendship which has hitherto existed between our respective nations."

HAWAII AT THE FAIR.

The Hawaiian building is very attractive and receives large numbers of visitors; like all other state and territorial buildings at the exposition the Hawaiian building was not intended to contain an exhibition of the products and resources of the island territory. It, however, differs from the usual state building. It gives to the visitors some idea of the atmosphere and life of the territory. The various illuminated kiosks illustrative of island scenes, the aquarium and the Hawaiian singing boys are pleasing. It is stated on good authority that the number visiting the Hawaiian building is not exceeded by any of the state or territorial buildings, not even by that of California.—J. N. S. Williams.

This description by one of the Hawaii fair commissioners is, we believe, fair and accurate.

The Star-Bulletin has had occasion to state previously that most of the "knocks" on Hawaii's building come from residents of the territory. Perhaps it is because it is impossible to realize in reproduction the beauties and charms of the islands that local folks are apt to be a bit disappointed at the Hawaii exhibit—which is really not intended as an exhibit. But there is abundant evidence that to mainlanders the sculptured surf-riders, the illuminated kiosks, the dioramas of the Pali and Waikiki, the paintings, the plants and above all the wonderful "painted fish," are exceedingly attractive. By actual count of attendance the Hawaii building is in the front rank. A businessman who returned from California yesterday places the Canadian building first and the Hawaiian building second in point of attractiveness, and the Hawaii building is one of the cheapest on the grounds.

The Star-Bulletin has pointed out one or two particulars in which the building might be made even more of an advertisement for possible tourists and we are informed that the suggestions are being followed. It is only fair to say that in by far the majority of cases, the comment on Hawaii's building which has reached Honolulu is favorable comment.

SALOONS MUST GO.

In pronouncing sentence on over 100 men, including the mayor of Terre Haute, Ind., for conspiracy in election frauds, Judge Anderson of the United States district court said:

"My notion is that the saloon will have to go. I believe that the time will come when the people will rise up and smash the saloon, at least as we have it now. The evidence in this case showed that the saloons were the center of nearly all the corruption in the election at Terre Haute."

Election of delegates to the city charter convention will be held in six weeks. Honolulu wants a live, alert, progressive convention, for no other sort of a body is likely to turn out a charter adequate to a growing and progressive city.

It ought to be generally recognized that Honolulu cannot consistently drop the "luau incident" until some sort of official reparation is made to the army and the navy for discrimination against its members.

President Wilson and Counsellor Lansing have demonstrated that it doesn't make much difference, anyway, if Secretary Bryan goes off on Chautauqua tours.

District Judge Monsarrat's reappointment came just after a few days during which he had distributed some unusually heavy fines to evildoers.

Having trained up on Russian geography it should not be hard for the arm-chair strategists to take in at a glance the Italian situation.

What the Colonel did was to prove to the jury's satisfaction that he was all right before he became a Bull Moose.

Down in San Antonio, Texas, the bat is found to be a deadly enemy of the mosquito. For the benefit of incredulous Honoluluans we add that the word bat is used literally.

We must confess it is difficult to preserve that calm neutrality when some cheerful idiot asks "Is it hot enough for you?"

Is von Mackensen to gain the von Hindenberg laurels?

Japanese Diet fails to agree with Minister Kato.

Letters OF THE WEEK

(The Star-Bulletin invites free and frank discussion in this column on all legitimate subjects of current interest. Communications are constantly received to which no signature is attached. This paper will treat as confidential signatures to letters if the writers so desire, but cannot give space for anonymous communications.)

MEMORIAL DAY SUGGESTION.

Honolulu, T. H., May 25, 1915.

Editor Honolulu Star-Bulletin.

Sir: Last Memorial Day I visited Nuuanu cemetery and noticed the hundreds of graves loaded with flowers and the thousands of friends and relatives visiting the graves of their friends and kinsmen. From there I went to the Royal Mausoleum and there saw the same thing—flowers and friends. Wandering around in an obscure part of the grounds I came to a neglected grave and on reading the inscription on the stone I read "John Young, the friend and companion of Kamehameha." There were no flowers or friends here and I assure you I felt sad and thoughtful as I plucked a few huscus flowers from a nearby hedge and laid them on his grave. You Hawaiians celebrate Kamehameha Day. You don't know where his grave is. But you know where the grave of his faithful friend and comrade is, whose name in Hawaiian history will never die. So this year don't let us forget John Young with your gifts of flowers. Honor the grave of your first king's friend.

GEO. C. YEO.

FOR BANDMASTER.

Editor Honolulu Star-Bulletin.

Sir: I hope that I may be allowed a space in one of the columns of your valuable paper to express my views to the public in regard to the present bandmaster of the famous Royal Hawaiian band, Mr. Kaiani, and a bandmaster who is unknown to this community and also not a citizen of this territory who is supposed to lead the Royal Hawaiian band in the future.

In reading the 13th Advertiser of this month the writer of this letter was surprised to see that one of our local supervisors, Mr. Robt. Horner, is trying in every way to succeed Mr. Di Roccia, conductor of the orchestra of the Bevan Opera Company, to the position which now is held by Mr. Peter Kaiani, as the bandmaster of the Royal Hawaiian band, if Mr. Di Roccia should accept the salary of \$200 per month. This is Mr. Horner's view.

The writer's views are these: So far that our Hon. Mayor, Mr. John C. Lane, of this city and county of Honolulu, had appointed Mr. Peter Kaiani to be the leader of the Hawaiian band and that the same is directing it with the approval of the board of supervisors after the mayor had investigated seriously into the situation, skill and ability as a leader, and finally come to the conclusion that Mr. Kaiani is able to lead the band and can compose music of difficult varieties to meet the satisfaction of the public. And coming down to the situations of these things, I cannot see any reason why the supervisor is to get another man in the place already filled when he himself voted heartily in favor of Mr. Kaiani landing the band.

There are a few questions that I would like to present before the public and I would like the Hon. Supervisor, Mr. Horner, to answer them:

1. Did you not approve the appointment of Mr. Kaiani to be the director of the Royal Hawaiian band by the mayor?

2. Did you examine Mr. Kaiani and find out that he is not fit to be at the head of that organization?

3. What are your reasons in placing a man who is not a citizen of this territory in the place already filled by Mr. Kaiani who is qualified to lead that famous organization?

4. Was it because that Mr. Kaiani is a Hawaiian and that you, Mr. Horner, have no use for a Hawaiian because a Hawaiian cannot do anything?

The above questions are to be answered by you, Mr. Horner, and I want you to be frank with me and with the public.

When Mr. Kaiani became the director of the Royal Hawaiian band I thought when I was attending one of their regular concerts that this band was a new organization in this city. I also thought it was from the mainland. Why? Because of the sweet music of new pieces composed by its present director. The band as a whole has been greatly changed since our veteran Berger's absence. After each piece was rendered, long whisperings from the spectators were heard. Their expressions were these: "It seems to me the band has changed its lines of music and the way how each member plays since ten years ago." Was it Mr. Berger's directing or Mr. Kaiani?

The other said, "This is some band." That's the kind of band we want to

hear and not these old German tunes at the time.

You see, Mr. Horner, that shows that Mr. Kaiani is fit to be at his head, for ever. And if Mr. Di Roccia is going to be at the head of that organization no doubt there'll be German, Italian, Dutch and Irish tunes to be played over again. I tell you that two thirds of the population of this city are tired of hearing these nationalities' pieces.

I am not expressing my views just because he is a Hawaiian and I am a Hawaiian and that I want to have a Hawaiian to be at the head of that organization, but because I thought that he was fit for the place, and I am not in doubt that the public will approve and stand by me in my views.

Very respectfully yours,
WILLIAM ISAAC KANAKANUI.

FROM BONA FIDE WORKERS.

Honolulu, T. H., May 26, 1915.

Editor Honolulu Star-Bulletin.

Sir: In answer to the letter published in your evening paper under the nom de plume of "Resident" we would be only too glad to avail ourselves of the privilege of answering through the same medium.

Last December, two Hawaiian-born men decided to start a regular tourist company here, to take care of the tourists after they came to the islands. The members of the firm spent a good deal of money in making the different trips that the different islands had to offer, that when the tourists came here and asked what could be done, they would receive accurate and reliable information, regarding time, expense, what to wear, and how long it will take to make the trip.

This is an exhaustive study and has taken a good deal of time and energy, but, we have that information, and are imparting the same to all tourists that come to our office, or that we may see at the different hotels. This information is free.

We know and realize that there will be more tourists coming to the Hawaiian islands in the next six months than have visited these islands within the past two or three years. Our Mr. Aldrich, who is on the coast handling the San Francisco office, has been given the contract for a party of 200 who will come here next June, 1916. This is but one of many.

If the party calling himself "Resident" will read this and will only come into our office we will be only too glad to show him itineraries and estimates that we have on file, for parties that are coming out here this year under our supervision, also we have quite a few fine testimonials from tourists we have handled in the past which we would be pleased to show.

This letter is an open invitation to the above-named writer to come into our office and pay us a visit—for after interviews with a number of the leading business men of Honolulu, and hearing their judgment on our business we feel that we have something that a good many people of Honolulu know nothing about, and which, if they did know, perhaps would be a little more willing to give us the helping hand that a young company starting out in a strange business generally needs. We say a strange business for we have found people here who are unwilling to be convinced that this is a regular bona fide business and that we are working for the good and welfare of the entire community. It is a case of our working to get these large parties to come here and then show them the islands in the right way, so that we can earn our daily bread; and the man at the head of any business wherein he has his money invested knows that means hard and well-meant industrious labor.

Trusting that this does not prove too long for your use and that the people of Honolulu reading and not understanding same will kindly give us the privilege of a further explanation, we beg to remain,

Yours very truly,

PARADISE TOURS CO.

Duty, war tax and several other kinds of taxes do not prevent Hawaiian promotion literature from being distributed far and wide over the Dominion of Canada. Acting Secretary Taylor of the Promotion Committee has prepared package assortments of Hawaiian literature to be taken to the agents of the Canadian Pacific Railroad throughout Canada on the Niagara Friday. The literature is often held up until the duty and war tax is paid, but the letters from Canada tell of good advertising being done.

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LITTLE INTERVIEWS

—SUPERVISOR HORNER: One thing I liked about "Uncle Joe" Cannon was that he was not afraid to say when he was hungry.

—CONSUL ARITA of Japan: Official notification from Tokio has come to me that the new treaty between China and Japan has been ratified by both governments.

—JOHN C. ANDERSON: Where did I get that scratch on the side of my face? Why, you see, I was cutting some wood the other day and a stick flew up and hit me.

—MANAGER T. B. THIELE of the McAna hotel: This is the first breath I have taken since the congressional party arrived three weeks ago. The hotels and newspapermen were the hardest hit, it seems to me.

—CONGRESSMAN J. A. FREAR: No more let it be said that Congress is in ignorance regarding Hawaii. We now know your people and their problems and can legislate intelligently in matters affecting the islands.

—C. G. HEISER: All around San Francisco the people are talking of the "painted fish" in the Hawaii building. The building is very popular and I was agreeably surprised to find that Hawaii's participation in the fair is so well liked.

—WADE WARREN THAYER, secretary of Hawaii: I think the suggestion offered that the musicians in Hawaii's fair building should be moved to the end to give way to an information bureau is a good one. "More pep" may be needed. Anyway, the fair commissioners should look into the matter.

—R. S. KELLY: On my recent trip to California I was interested to find that at the San Diego exposition the Hawaiian village is doing well under

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the direction of Ernest Kaali. He expects to go to Australia after getting through on the coast, which will be about next January. The Panama-California Exposition is a very attractive one.

WALTER COOMBS WANTS PROMOTION LITERATURE

Walter Coombs of Lewers & Cooke, writing from the Orient where he is touring in company with Mrs. Coombs, asks that promotion literature be sent to him at the Hotel De Peking, Peking, China. Acting Secretary Taylor of the Promotion Committee says he is only too glad to have some citizen of Hawaii boosting in the Far East, and is sending a large package of the desired pamphlets. Mr. Coombs tells of visiting the famous Ming Tombs and the Great Wall.

Professor Kael Lamprecht, professor of history in the University of Leipzig, Germany, died there.

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